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Subject: **Request for Time Critical Removal
Multi-Service Inc. - OHR000014605
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio**

Dear Mark,

Subsequent to a complaint received in May, 2009, alleging improper management of hazardous waste, Ohio EPA staff from the Southwest District Office's Division of Hazardous Waste Management (DHWM) conducted several inspections in June and July of 2009, at Multi-Service, Inc. in Dayton. Multi-Service was an industrial laundry and dry cleaning service that laundered industrial rags, gloves and other textiles. While it was operating, Multi-Service was a large quantity generator and generated hazardous waste solvent and sludge (D001) from a wastewater treatment system at the facility. The hazardous waste was stored in multiple 250-gallon totes and a 6000 gallon tank. The facility also generated used oil from textiles that were processed through a machine that operates like a press.

During these inspections, DHWM determined that numerous totes containing hazardous waste had been stored for greater than 90 days. The 6000 gallon tank contained approximately 3500 gallons of sludge/solvent hazardous waste (D001) generated from the facility's wastewater treatment system. No waste had been pumped into the tank since approximately December, 2008. The tank had not been entirely cleaned out since it was first used in September, 2005. The company was also cited for tank violations, failing to amend the contingency plan and provide copies to the required agencies, failing to label and date containers and failing to label a used oil tank.

In February, 2010 Multi-Service was invited to negotiate Director's Findings and Orders. In the course of discussing the proposed Orders, Multi-Service ceased operations. In March, 2010, Multi-Service was referred to the Ohio Attorney General (AGO).

Multi-Service is located in an industrial park, but there are residential homes approximately 300 feet to the south and 400 feet to the north. There is also an elementary school approximately 1,000 feet to the northeast of the building at the facility. There is a fence along the front and sides of the building, however, the fence does not extend through the woods to the south and the building has been broken into in the past.

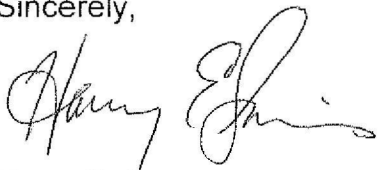
There is the potential for a release of hazardous waste or other material from the site and therefore, this facility poses a risk to human health and the environment. Multi-Service is an illegal hazardous waste storage facility and has significant quantities of ignitable hazardous waste in tanks (a dirty solvent tank containing approximately 1000 gallons; a 300 gallon sludge cooling tank; a 400 gallon sump pit, and a floor pit containing approximately 3000 gallons, are just a few of the tanks at the facility (see the attached Time Critical Removal Action Referral Package for complete details). Also, the clean solvent receiving tank, which contains approximately 800 gallons, is leaking. Currently there is no heat in the building and there is a concern there may be additional leaks from waste tanks and associated ancillary equipment. The utilities to the site have been shut off, including the water for the fire suppression system.

Melvin Tatman, the owner of the company, has declared personal bankruptcy. He has resigned as Multi-Service's president and claims to have no authority over the property and no money to properly dispose of the wastes remaining at the facility. The Montgomery County Auditor's records indicate the property is owned by Multi-Service, Inc. JP Morgan Chase Bank began foreclosure proceedings on the property, but refuses to take possession because of the wastes on-site.

Therefore, I request U.S. EPA conduct a site investigation to assess the applicability of a Time Critical Removal at the Multi-Service facility at 1962 Radio Road in Dayton, Ohio. Ohio EPA also requests it be notified of any activities conducted at this site. I have included the Time Critical Removal Action Referral Package and supporting documentation.

If you have any related questions, or require any additional information, please contact Cathy Altman of Ohio EPA's Southwest District Office at 937-285-6093, or John Schierberl of my staff at 614-644-2955.

Sincerely,



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